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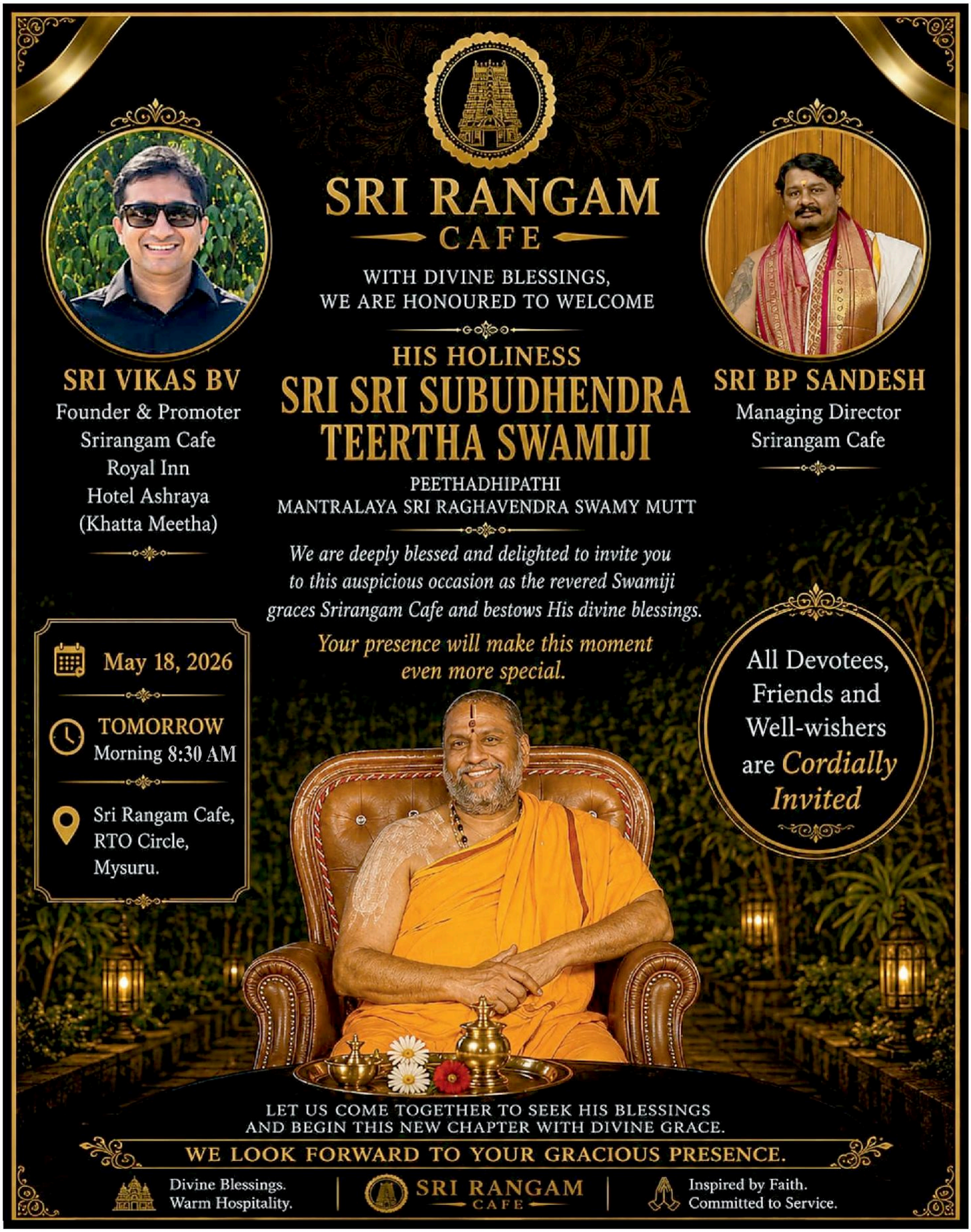

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 17th May 2026

SSLC Exam-2: Ban orders around exam centres

Mysuru, May 17- With the SSLC Exam-2 scheduled to take place from May 18 to 25 at three centres in city, the City Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts radius around the exam centres on all days of the exam.

The exam centres are: Majestic High School, Udayagiri; D. Banumaiah's Boys High School, New Sayyaji Rao Road; Sri Vidyajyothi High School, Nadanahalli.

Accordingly, barring the examinees and exam staff, no other unauthorised persons will be allowed entry to the exam centres and carrying of objectionable articles in the vicinity of the centres is strictly prohibited.

Also, all photocopy shops and browsing centres in the vicinity of the exam centres are ordered to shut down during exam hours, according to a press release from the City Police Commissioner.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HAVE FAITH AND LOSE YOUR MIND TO WIN GOD: ***When I choose to answer 'yes' to the question of whether there is a god, then the question arises as to how to approach Him and where He is. Verse five from the*** *Ishopanishad* ***says, He moves about everywhere; He is near, yet far; He is within all of us and yet beyond us.***

Thus, it is up to each one of us to seek Him out. Many attain a state of bliss by dwelling on the formless or *nirgun,* ***God, whereas for most a*** *sagun* ***God, one with form, is needed for focus. Krishna is the most approachable form and pure devotees find bliss in learning about his*** *leelas.* ***Krishna says that He is a witness to the devotee's thoughts and deeds and He dwells in the heart of the pure devotee who unceasingly offers Him love and respectful obeisances. Krishna has stressed*** *bhakti-ras* ***by saying that one would understand Him and enter His kingdom only through pure devotional service*** *(Bhagavad Gita 18.55).*

According to the 19th-century philosopher Soren Kierkegaard, having faith is like losing one's mind and winning God. The Bhakti movement in India saw exalted saints do exactly this. They abandoned material pleasures and propagated devotion to a personal god. Vaishnava saint Madhwacharya was foremost in addressing a one-on-one relationship with God, at the same time insisting that God is infinitely superior and a mortal can never equal Him. He penned Sanskrit verses, *Dwadasha Sthotras,* ***in praise of Lord Vishnu in his various avatars, which kindles the devotional fervour in ardent devotees.***

Saint Vadirajatheertha followed in his tradition, penning countless hymns in praise of a personal God. The Haridasa tradition continued with Purandaradasa, Kanakadasa, Vijayadasa, Jagannathadasa and many more in the south and Tulsidas, who extolled Ram and Meerabai among those in the north.

The *bhakti* ***path is no doubt difficult in this consumerist world wherein the mind is full of worldly clutter. But when the mind is trained to restrict itself to functional operations regarding material matters, then a space is created for thoughts on spiritual matters, whereafter an image of a personal God emerges, towards whom the mind veers and focuses on; this god then becomes your mentor and you are set on the*** *bhakti* ***path.***

—Sandhya Vasudev in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Largest soccer ball coming to Boston

Massachusetts: The Massachusetts Port Authority announced it will celebrate the FIFA World Cup by constructing the world's largest soccer ball.

Massport said the ball is planned to have a diameter of 45 feet, enough to take the Guinness World Record for the largest soccer ball from Qatar's Doha Bank, which unveiled a ball with a diameter of 39 feet and 11.8 inches in 2013.

The ball will be installed at Piers Park II in East Boston from June 12-18. A special community day event will be held at the location on June 13.

The record attempt celebrates World Cup games that will be played at Boston Stadium in Foxborough in June - July.

China's 'Ageless Actor' is 40!

Bejing: 40-year-old actor Hou Xiang was dubbed 'China's Benjamin Button' because of his boyish looks attributed to a condition that halted his physical development.

Hou Xiang's youthful appearance recently became a hot topic in China after photos of the 40-year-old actor and his bride went viral on social media, many years after their wedding. Some people mocked the couple, saying that they looked more like mother and son, but Hou didn't let the criticism get to him. After all, he's been dealing with it for most of his life.

According to Chinese media sources, Hou Xiang was born prematurely after his mother suffered from malnutrition during her pregnancy. He was always smaller than the other kids his age, but around the age of nine, his physical development stopped, and he was left looking like a young boy for the rest of his life.

For most of his adult life, Hou has been confused with a preteen and asked questions like 'where do you study?,' but he didn't let that affect his ambition and desire to make it in life.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Delayed vaccines can leave children vulnerable for deadly infection — follow your child's vaccination schedule regularly.

By Dr. Anil Kumar Y C - Consultant – Paediatrics
Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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Applications invited for Diploma in 'Handloom and Textiles Technology'

Mysuru, May 17- The Department of Handloom and Textiles has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to Diploma Course in Handloom and Textiles Technology (DHTT) for the year 2026-27. The course, having 39 seats, is open for male and female candidates, who will be selected on the basis of merit.

A total of 22 seats are available at Karnataka Handloom Technology Institute, Gadag-Betageri, 12 at Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Salem, Tamil Nadu, three at SPKM Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Venkatagiri, Andhra Pradesh and two at Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Kannur, Kerala.

Candidates who have passed SSLC or equivalent exam and have studied English, are eligible to apply for the course. Selected candidates will receive Rs. 2,500 as stipend. Male candidates can avail hostel facilities, but on the basis of their willingness to pay hostel fees. The age limit for general category candidates is 15 to 23 years, while for SC and ST community candidates, it is 15 to 25 years.

Candidates will be selected based on the entrance examination marks. Candidates may submit application by visiting *https://karnatakadht.org/pdf/KHTI-Gadag.pdf* before July 26.

For details contact Institute Principal at Gadag-Betageri on Ph: 08372-259664 or Mob: 99161-43619 or the office of Deputy Director, Department of Handloom and Textiles, Sayyaji Rao Road, on Ph: 0821-2441353.

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REALLY...?

- ***Star-nosed Mole: Equipped with 22 fleshy, pink tentacles on its snout, this little creature doesn't use its eyes to "see." Instead, it uses these tentacles to feel its way through the dark and identify prey with record-breaking speed***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Father: *Okay, give him a glass of water!*

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Accident reports set to go online

City Police to replace manual accident reports, making tampering difficult

Traffic Police personnel from various traffic divisions participate in the training programme held at the City Police Commissioner's Office on collecting and uploading digital accident reports.

Mysuru, May 17 (AG&BCT)- The Mysuru City Traffic Police is moving towards a fully digital policing system to streamline accident documentation and phase out manual paperwork.

To strengthen digital accident reporting and improve public service efficiency, a training programme on the Integrated Digital Accident Report (IDAR) and Electronic Detailed Accident Report (EDAR) systems was held at the City Police Commissioner's Office yesterday.

More than 30 Traffic Police personnel from various Traffic Divisions participated and the programme focused on standardised data collection methods to ensure uniform accident reporting by all officers.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) M. Shivashankar said, the IDAR and EDAR systems were introduced in 2022, but their implementation was initially limited due to dependence on conventional paper-based procedures.

Automated operations

"We are upgrading these systems to transition into a complete digital policing model. The entire process will gradually move online, replacing manual paperwork with automated operations," he said.

The IDAR and EDAR platforms integrate key stakeholder Departments such as Police, Health, Transport, Insurance and road-owning agencies.

While EDAR enables horizontal integration of accident-related data and facilitates detailed record management, IDAR streamlines accident reporting by distributing parts of the Investigating Officer's workflow among various stakeholder Departments. This allows officers to focus more on the investigation process.

(See ACCIDENT REPORTS on page 6)

UoM locks crumbling Dr. Radhakrishnan Centre

Portion of heritage bungalow restored in 2016 collapses

Mysuru, May 17 (BLU& BCT)- The century-old bungalow in Saraswathipuram where former President and noted philosopher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan once lived has fallen into neglect and now faces the threat of collapse due to poor maintenance by University of Mysore (UoM).

A portion of the left side of the bungalow has collapsed and the interior plaster is peeling in several places.

Dr. Radhakrishnan stayed in the bungalow between 1918 and 1921 after joining the Philosophy Department of the University of Mysore, before moving to Kolkata.

Popularly known as Dr. Radhakrishnan's Bungalow or Dr. Radhakrishnan Centre, the structure pre-dates the establishment of the University of Mysore in 1916.

Though it was restored about a decade ago, the building has once again slipped into severe disrepair, prompting University authorities to lock the premises ahead of the monsoon.

(See UOM on page 6)

Hike in import duty effect

Gold sales dip 40% in Mysuru

Consumers tighten casual buying; jewellers report sharp fall in footfall

Mysuru, May 17 (VNS)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for austerity and the recent hike in import duty on gold by the Central Government appears to have impacted consumer spending on gold, with jewellers in Mysuru reporting a sharp decline in sales over the past week.

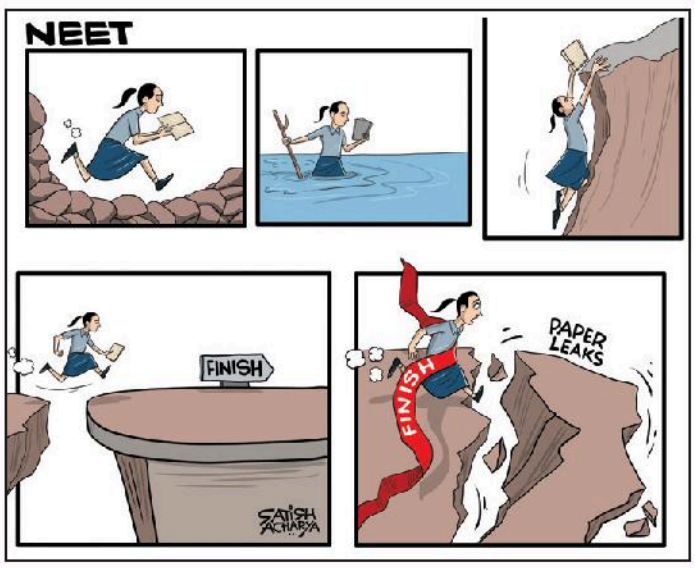
Known for its large number of jewellery showrooms and established gold brands, Mysuru has witnessed a noticeable drop in customer footfall, with traders estimating nearly a 40 percent fall in sales, in terms of quantity.

Gold, traditionally seen as a symbol of financial security and an essential part of weddings and festivals, has become increasingly expensive in recent months, prompting many customers to limit their purchases.

Speaking to *SOM*, Shroff Varthakara Sangha (Association of Jewellers in Mysuru) President Adarsh K. Murthy of A. Shankara Chetty & Sons said, combined effect of rising prices and the PM's austerity appeal had affected market significantly.

(See GOLD on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to quarterly maintenance works at Hura 66/11 KV Power Transmission Centre of Nanjangud Sub-Division-2, there will be disruption in power supply in the following villages of Nanjangud taluk from 10 am to 6 pm tomorrow (May 18): Hura, Hallare, Malkundi, Ambale, Hanchipura, Channapatna, Siddegowdanahundi, Mallahalli, Kellurpura, Naganapura, Ballurhundi, Kottanahalli, Rajanagar, Beeradevanapura, Bogavalu, Odeyanapura, M. Kongalli, Kaggalur, Yadahalli and surrounding areas.

Training workshop for Co-op. CEOs

A one-day subject-specific training workshop for CEOs of Souharda Co-operative Societies of Mysuru district has been organised under the aegis of Karnataka State Souharda Samyukta Sahakari Ltd., Bengaluru, at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city at 10.30 am on May 19. Souharda Sahakari Ltd., Bengaluru, former President H.V. Rajeev will inaugurate. Professional Director B. Mahadevaswamy will preside. Experts in the Co-operative sector, the Department officials and Journalists are invited to take part, according to a press release. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2332299.

Door-to-door housing census ends in Mysuru

Nearly 9.34 lakh houses listed in district; city population crosses 10.65 lakh

Mysuru, May 17 (MTY&VNS)- The House Listing and Housing Census (HLO), conducted as Phase-1 of Census 2027, has been completed successfully in Mysuru district.

A total of 9,33,820 houses were listed across 6,013 blocks in the district. As many as 7,748 staff members participated in the exercise.

The census, which is conducted once every 10 years, could not be carried out in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2027 census will be the 16th edition.

As a prelude to the population census scheduled next year, the House Listing and Housing Census (HLO) was conducted from Apr. 1 to May 15. In Mysuru district, the process was completed two days ahead of the deadline.

A total of 7,748 personnel, including 6,540 enumerators and 1,208 supervisors, were trained for the enumeration process. To facilitate the exercise, 6,013 blocks were created, including 1,832 blocks within Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits and 4,181 in rural areas.

After completion of the mapping process, enumerators visited individual houses and collected information based on 33 specific questions. The collected data was later handed over to the District Administration.

> The housing census has been completed successfully in Mysuru district. We completed the process two days ahead of the deadline. The DC monitored the day-to-day progress and interacted regularly with supervisors, which helped ensure 100 percent completion of the census.
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> —R. Aishwarya, ADC, Mysuru

MCC limits

Within the MCC limits, 1,832 blocks were created, with 2,023 enumerators and 341 supervisors carrying out the exercise. A total of 3,75,360 houses were covered. Enumerators also recorded details of locked and vacant houses during the survey.

During the housing census, MCC authorities observed that Mysuru city's population had risen to 10,65,360.

Mysuru Rural limits

In rural areas, 4,181 blocks were created, where 5,384 personnel, including 4,517 enumerators and 867 supervisors, covered 5,58,460 houses across various taluks of the district.

Self-enumeration and door-to-door survey

The Self-Enumeration facility, introduced in Census 2027, has received an encouraging response from the public. The facility was introduced before field enumeration to enable residents to submit their details online through a secure and user-friendly digital platform. The initiative marks a significant milestone in digitising Census operations and has been widely appreciated for offering flexibility, convenience and ease of participation.

A large number of people participated in the self-enumeration process held between Apr. 1 and 15 by submitting details online. However, many faced server-related issues and difficulties in tracking the locations of their houses. Though the response to self-enumeration was not as expected, enumerators successfully collected data during the door-to-door survey conducted between Apr. 16 and May 15.

Enumerators visited each house 3 times during the process. First visit was for mapping houses, second for entering census numbers and the third for collecting data. Officials said, some residents were initially reluctant to share information, following which enumerators convinced them about the importance of the exercise. MCC created awareness by broadcasting recorded announcements through garbage collection vehicles.

We do not have objections if GTD corrects himself and stays in party: S.R. Mahesh

JD(S) State Working President S.R. Mahesh seen during the inspecting the site of 'Janarondige Janata Dal' Convention at Bankers Layout near Bogadi yesterday.

Mysuru, May 17 (BLU&DM)- Asserting that Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who has maintained a distance from the party for over two years, can stay in the party if he corrects his wrongdoings, former Minister and JD(S) State Working President S.R. Mahesh said that the party workers would have no objection if the JD(S) leadership decides on retaining GTD upon trusting him.

Speaking to press persons after inspecting the preparation for the party's 'Janarondige Janata Dal' convention of Chamundeshwari Constituency to take place at Bankers Layout grounds near Bogadi here yesterday, Mahesh alleged that GTD did not live up to his reputation of being the party leader in old Mysore region and also failed to retain the trust of party workers through his political moves and actions, which went against the interests of the party.

"Though I often told him about this, he did not heed the words of party leaders and workers. GTD chose to stay away from party organisation and activities, though he enjoyed power being in the party," Mahesh maintained.

Pointing out that the JD(S) is building a new leadership in old Mysore region as GTD has stayed away from the party, Mahesh said, the party workers are aware of GTD's tactics.

Meanwhile, GTD, reacting to the JD(S) convention in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment today (May 17), said, he has not been invited to the event. Noting that his name is missing in the invitation too, GTD said, neither his name nor his photos appear in any graffiti of the party. As such, he is not attending the convention, he pointed out.

NIMHANS-like Hospital & Bidadi Township

Farmers warn of massive movement if Govt. does not scrap projects

KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday.

Mysuru, May 17 (GA&DM)- Urging the Government to drop plans for acquisition of 9,640 acres for formation of Bidadi Township near Bengaluru and construction of NIMHANS-like Hospital on fertile land at Gudumadanahalli in Mysuru taluk, KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra has warned of a State-wide massive farmer movement if the Government does not scrap the two projects and goes ahead with its plans.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Nagendra said that a meeting of core committee of Samyukta Horata-Karnataka will be held at Bengaluru on May 18 to discuss the modalities of the movement to be launched.

Charging the State Government of making moves for acquisition of thousands of acres of fertile land at Byramangala, K.G. Gollarapalya, Aralalusandra, Bannigiri, Hosur, Mandalahalli, Kempayyanapalya and Odeyarapalya villages in Bidadi hobli, Nagendra alleged that the Government was out to evict farmers at Gudumadanahalli in Mysuru taluk, who have been tilling the fertile lands for decades, for construction of NIMHANS-like Hospital there.

Continuing, Nagendra said the lands in Bidadi hobli have irrigation facilities throughout the year and horticultural crops such as Coconut, Arecanut, Mango etc., are grown here in abundance. "It is from here that Bengaluru city gets a good chunk of its farm needs such as Vegetables, Fruits, Milk, Ghee, Curds etc., In this background, the farmers of Bidadi hobli villages have launched an indefinite stir at Byramangala for the past 438 days in protest against land acquisition plans. But despite this, the Government is going ahead with its Township project," he maintained.

Reiterating that the Government should scrap the two projects in the better interests of the farmers, he warned the Government that the farmers would not allow the projects to come up at the proposed sites.

VOICE OF THE READER

Curb middlemen, ensure transparency at RTO

Sir,

The growing presence of agents inside the Regional Transport Office (RTO) premises has become a major concern, with many citizens facing harassment and intimidation while seeking vehicle-related services. Several agents are misleading people by exaggerating the complexity of procedures, particularly targeting those unfamiliar with official rules and processes.

There is also a perception among the public that certain officials may be indirectly supporting these agents by allowing them to operate freely within the office premises.

As a result, many unsuspecting citizens are compelled to pay unnecessary charges to agents even for simple tasks.

Though the Government has introduced citizen-friendly measures such as online applications and digital submissions, these systems are yet to be effectively implemented on the ground.

Taking advantage of loopholes and a lack of public awareness, agents continue to exploit citizens visiting RTO offices.

The authorities must take strict measures to remove middlemen from RTO premises and ensure a transparent, efficient and citizen-friendly system that enables people to complete their vehicle-related work without exploitation.

—Nihad

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'Knights in Khaki' honoured in city

'Knights in Khaki' award-winning Police personnel are seen with Mysuru SP Mallikarjun Baladandi, DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, Round Table (RT) India, Area 13, Area Chairman Tr. Sushruth Belagur, Ladies Circle India, Area 13, Area Chairperson Cr. Nagashree Nikhilesh, RT India, Area 13, AVC Tr. Suraj Krishnam and Area 13 AST Tr. Sunil Shankar, MRT-21 Chairman LMF Tr. Akshay A. Koneri, MLC-9 Chairperson Cr. Srinija Akshay and others.

Mysuru, May 17 (VVH&VNS)- The 48th Annual 'Knights in Khaki' Police Shield presentation ceremony was held at Wind Chimes in city yesterday under the auspices of Mysore Round Table-21 (MRT-21) and Mysore Ladies Circle-09 (MLC-09).

Mysuru SP Mallikarjun Baladandi presented the Police Shields to N. Mahesh, Computer Section, City Police Commissioner's Office; A. Balasubramanya, City Crime Records Bureau (CCRB); Lingarajappa, Crime Division, NR Police Station; K.J. Suresh, Women's Division, Kuvempunagar Police Station. K. Azra, Women's Division, Vijayanagar Police Station; Vanajakshi, Women's Division, Saraswathipuram Police Station; M.D Pradeep, KR Traffic Police Station and A.M. Lokesha, KR Traffic Police Station.

Speaking on the occasion, SP Mallikarjun Baladandi said, "Police, who have sacrificed their private life while serving for people, face a lot of complaints than appreciation. Serving in the Police Department is one of the toughest jobs. Under such circumstances, identifying the Police personnel and recognising their service would encourage them to enhance their efficiency."

DCP (Crime & Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj too spoke.

Nada Kishorothsava

Entries invited from artistes

Mysuru, May 17- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, has organised the 'Nada Kishorothsava' programme at its premises on JLB Road in city from Sept. 25 to 27.

The competition will be in Karnatak and Hindustani Classical Music. Both Vocal and Instrumental excepting percussion instruments.

The age limit for the artiste to participate is 30 years and should be able to give a full fledge concert.

The soft copy of the biodata with live audio of a concert should be sent by e-mail to: *ksnpin50@gmail.com*, before July 25.

Ten selected artistes will perform during September.

Selected artists will receive intimation by Aug. 25.

For further details, contact Nadabrahma Sabha Hon. Secretary on Mob: 94482-82501.

Dr. Vasundhara to Singapore

Mysuru, May 17- Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy is invited by Guru Sadhana Tolpadi, former Academy Registrar of Singapore Indian Fine Arts Association and Founder-Director of Sadhana Performing Arts Centre, Khatib Vale, Singapore, to conduct Workshop, Lecture-Demonstrations, Bharatanatya Choreography and to be the examiner for Bharatanatyam exams conducted by Department of Culture, Government of Singapore.

Dr. Vasundhara will proceed on May 20 and return to India on May 28, according to a press release from T.R. Harish, Programme Coordinator, VPAC&C.

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UoM locks crumbling Dr. Radhakrishnan Centre

The bungalow when it was restored in 2016. Picture right shows the locked gates.

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2012 conservation efforts

The bungalow had nearly collapsed in 2010, triggering concern among heritage lovers and academicians. Responding to the situation, former Bengaluru MLC and founder-president of PES Educational Institutions Prof. M.R. Doreswamy provided Rs. 78 lakh for restoration and conservation works.

Following the restoration in 2016, University of Mysore converted the building into the 'Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture.' A museum was later set up inside the bungalow, displaying books, artefacts, personal belongings and writings associated with Dr. Radhakrishnan.

The centre was regularly used by students, faculty members, research scholars and visitors. It also housed around 2,000 books and magazines, besides a sculpted bust of the philosopher-statesman.

Poor maintenance

However, the lack of periodic maintenance after the restoration has now pushed the heritage structure back to the brink. Sources said that the University failed to carry out even the least basic upkeep.

As a result, rainwater stagnation on the roof has weakened the structure considerably. Fearing further damage during heavy rains, the University has vacated the premises and locked the gates, leaving the structure abandoned. The present condition and whereabouts of the museum artefacts are also unclear.

Star of Mysore tried to contact University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. N.K. Lokanath and Registrar M.K. Savitha for their response on the closure of its premises. However, repeated calls to both officials went unanswered.

'University ignored heritage conservation after restoration'

Mysuru, May 17 (BLU&BCT)- Heritage activists say the condition of Dr. Radhakrishnan's bungalow is not an isolated case, but part of a pattern of neglect affecting several heritage structures owned by the University of Mysore.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, noted heritage expert Prof. N.S. Rangaraju cited the example of the Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, which was restored earlier with support from the Infosys Foundation and later required another major round of funding from international conservation agencies due to a lack of maintenance by the University after restoration.

"The University does not spend its own funds on maintaining these heritage buildings. People and organisations who care for Mysuru's heritage come forward to restore them, but there is no effort to sustain them afterwards. How many times can donors return to save the same structures?" he questioned.

Incidentally, of the 24 prominent heritage buildings owned by the University of Mysore, only two are well-maintained.

One is the Vice-Chancellor's official residence inside the Maharaja's College campus, which continues to be occupied and maintained. The other is the Warden's House, currently being used by the Central Government as an NCC building.

The remaining heritage structures are facing gradual deterioration and the risk of being lost permanently if timely conservation measures are not taken.

From Mysore Palace to Buckingham Palace

City bizman on a solo ride from Mysuru to London

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar flagging off the solo ride by Rtn. Nagarjun Anantha Bhagavan in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in city this morning.

Mysuru, May 17 (KS)- Rtn. Nagarjun Anantha Bhagavan, a businessman from city with a strong passion for motorcycling and travel, is undertaking a solo ride from Mysuru to London.

Rtn. Nagarjun

The solo ride was flagged off by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace this morning.

Nagarjun will be covering over 20,000 kilometres across various countries and regions including Nepal, Tibet, China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium and France to reach the United Kingdom (UK).

The journey is not just about distance or adventure, but to meet people, experience cultures and build friendships across borders.

He would be connecting with fellow International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) members, Rotarians and riders wherever possible during his solo ride.

After the flag off, a convoy of riders from various bike clubs, solo riders and enthusiasts accompanied Nagarjun till Srirangapatna.

Accident reports set to go online

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The system would support a data-driven approach, improve road safety measures, reduce accident-related fatalities, help predict accident trends and optimise intervention strategies.

The upgraded digital ecosystem will function as a centralised data hub, enabling seamless information-sharing among all agencies involved in accident management and road safety.

Under IDAR, Traffic Police personnel visiting the accident spot immediately upload primary details such as vehicle information and initial field observations. Under EDAR, a comprehensive digital case profile is uploaded after the investigation is completed and the FIR is finalised.

At present, Traffic personnel use mobile devices at accident sites to capture photographs, video evidence, GPS location details and vehicle information. Though spot uploads may occasionally face practical difficulties in the field, all collected data is uploaded to the central portal on the same day.

Sources said that transition to digital records would significantly improve transparency and legal compliance. Once the primary data is uploaded, it becomes difficult to manipulate records, alter vehicle registration details or falsely substitute drivers.

This will benefit citizens by making insurance claim procedures smoother and helping speed up pending Court formalities, sources added.

Features of the digital system

The digital accident reporting system enables upload of vehicle, licence and insurance details, cause of accident, spot photos and videos, witness statements, vehicle inspection reports, injury or death details, victim information, insurance verification and compensation-related records.

It facilitates real-time coordination with hospitals, insurance firms, the Transport Department and Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT), while ensuring faster accident investigation, quicker compensation processing, reduced paperwork and a centralised accident database.

The system also prevents manipulation of records, improves transparency, speeds up insurance claims and reduces delays in MACT cases.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar flags off Mysuru Heritage Car rally

Mysuru, May 17 (GA&TRR)- Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar flagged off 'Mysuru Heritage, Time, Speed and Distance (TSD) Car Rally' organised by city-based ARD organisation at Wadiyar School of Architecture located on Krishnaraja Boulevard in city this morning.

As part of the rally, the organisers had displayed 23 vintage cars dating back from 1945 and modified cars of modern era at the venue.

Speaking on the occasion Namrat, Head of ARD, said that the rally was being organised to create awareness on following traffic rules and the usage of motor sport vehicles.

A car rally was held from Wadiyar School of Architecture to Kadakola to create awareness among the public about the concept of Time, Speed and Distance (TSD).

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar flagging off the Heritage Rally organised by ARD organisation at Wadiyar School of Architecture on Krishnaraja Boulevard in city this morning as others look on.

Vintage and modern cars being displayed at the venue.

Ganja peddlars arrested

Cops seize 10.90 kg ganja, car worth Rs. 10 lakh

Mysuru, May 17 (KS) - The City Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths and Organised Crime Wing (OCW) officials and staff, who were conducting 'Vimukthi' campaign for a drug-free Mysuru city, arrested three persons, while they were attempting to sell ganja.

The Police have seized a total of 10.90 kg ganja and a Maruti Swift Dzire car (KA-02-AC-1471) all worth Rs. 10 lakh from the accused. Those arrested are Manjunath alias Thoti Manja, Manjunath alias Kunta Manja and B.R. Karthik alias Appaji.

A case has been registered at Alanahalli Police Station.

The Police came to know that Manjunath alias Thoti Manja and Manjunath alias Kunta Manja, who have two cases and one case registered against them under NDPS Act respectively were under judicial custody before being released on bail.

As soon as they walked out of the jail they continued with the crime.

CCB ACP Mohammed Shariff Rawther, Inspector Shabir Hussain, Sub-Inspectors K. Lepaksha and Revanasiddappa and staff Madhukumar, Chethan, Adam, Santosh Pawar, Devaraja, Rajesab, Sameer, Hazarath Ali Naikar, Yashwanth Kumar and Siddaraju took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Obituary

Khaleel Ahmed Quadri

Mysuru, May 17 - Khaleel Ahmed Quadri (72), a resident of Anegundi Road 1st Cross, 2nd Eidgah, passed away this morning in city. He leaves behind his wife, four sisters, one brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today after Magrib prayers (7 pm) at Masjid Eidgah on Mission Hospital Road followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Gold sales dip 40% in Mysuru

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"There has been a sharp drop of nearly 40 percent in sales. Customers are continuing with essential purchases, but secondary and casual buying has reduced considerably. Earlier, people bought gold based on weight, but now purchases are restricted to a fixed budget. At the same time, people's income levels are not keeping pace with soaring gold prices," Shroff Varthakara Sangha President Adarsh K. Murthy said.

He pointed out that the price of 22-carat gold, which was around Rs. 6,900 per gram last year, has now risen to Rs. 14,385 per gram.

Hike in import duty

Adding to the pressure on the industry, the Central Government recently increased import duty on gold and silver to 15 percent from the earlier 6 percent and tightened norms under the Advance Authorisation (AA) scheme by capping duty-free imports at 100 kg per licence.

Jewellers in Mysuru said, they were also discouraging the purchase of gold bullion, such as coins and bars, in line with the 'Nation First' appeal.

Shroff Varthakara Sangha Vice-President T.A. Harsha Nandana Tholasi (Partner of Tholasi Jewels, Mysuru), said that customers were instead being encouraged to exchange old gold for new jewellery.

Recycling old gold

"Affordability has reduced considerably. We are advising customers to recycle old gold instead of buying coins and bars. We hope the situation will stabilise within a month. Our National Association has also submitted a representation to the Central Government seeking measures to address the issue," he said.

Meanwhile, some major jewellery chains across the country are reportedly planning to reduce fresh gold imports during the current financial year and instead promote the reuse and circulation of idle gold.

An official from a leading jewellery chain said, casual purchases had declined, though overall sales were only marginally affected. "In line with the Prime Minister's austerity appeal, we are focusing more on recycling idle gold by redesigning and refurbishing old jewellery for resale," the official said.

Woman goes missing

Mysuru, May 17- Latha, a 52-year-old woman has gone missing from VV Puram Police Station limits.

Latha

Latha is 4ft tall, ordinary built, wheatish complexioned, round-faced and with black hair. She was wearing chudidar top printed with red flowers and pant and speaks Kannada language.

Any information on the missing person, people can contact VV Puram Police Station 0821-2418314 or VV Puram Police Inspector 94808-02238.

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Spread message on greatness of Sanatana Dharma: Ramdas

Srinivas Rao, Chief Administrator of Sri Uttaradhi Mutt, Bengaluru, being felicitated at Tatvajnana Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram on Friday as Sri Satyatma Theertha Swamiji, former Minister S.A. Ramdas, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Deputy Director of Mysore Palace Board T.S. Subramanya and others look on.

Mysuru, May 17 (SPN&BS)- Former Minister and BJP leader S.A. Ramdas has given a clarion call to send a strong message to society about the greatness of Sanatana Dharma, stating that there has been a growing number of people across the country speaking against it.

He was speaking at a programme organised to honour Srinivas Rao, Chief Administrator of Sri Uttaradhi Mutt, Bengaluru, at Tatvajnana Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram Sri Raghavendra Swamy Sannidhana (Mutt) in the city on Friday.

Stressing the need for nationwide discussions on Sanatana Dharma, Ramdas said it was a matter of pride that Uttaradhi Mutt's Sri Satyatma Theertha Swamiji was bringing together people from all sections of society through religious discourses.

Describing Tatvajnana Mandira as an embodiment of Vedic knowledge, Ramdas said Srinivas Rao was the driving force behind it. "He has acted as a link between various mutts and has risen from being a common man to this formidable position by dedicating his life to the cause of Vedic knowledge," he said.

Pandit Chaturvedi Vedavyasacharya said everyone should protect religion, as religion protects people in return. He stressed the need to remain open-minded, truthful and faithful, adding that truth guarantees success in life.

Deputy Director of Mysore Palace Board T.S. Subramanya said it was special that the Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, established before Independence, continues to share cordial relations with the erstwhile Mysore royal family.

Sri Satyatma Theertha Swamiji, who is in the city to deliver discourses as part of Adhikamasa, also rendered Dasa Devaranamas on the occasion.

Pandit Anandatirthacharya Nagasampige, Pandit Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya, Krishnaraja Constituency MLA T. S. Srivatsa, former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others were present.

Hi-tech sensor design lab at CPC Polytechnic

Picture for representation only

Mysuru, May 17 (BLU&BS)- Polytechnic education in Mysuru city is set to get a major technological boost, with the State Government planning to establish a first-of-its-kind sensor design lab at Government CPC Polytechnic College in N.R. Mohalla at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.25 crore.

The proposed hi-tech facility, under the State's Innovation Labs Scheme, aims to strengthen technical education, research and innovation. The initiative is being implemented jointly by the Karnataka Startup Cell and the Department of Electronics, IT and BT.

Once operational, the lab will focus on developing sensor-based technologies in areas such as biophotonics, optical biosensors, photonic design and instrumentation, biomedical signal processing, data analysis and biosafety. It will also support research, testing and innovation in medical and biotechnology-related fields.

The CPC Polytechnic was selected for the project based on a proposal submitted by Selection Grade Lecturer B. Ranjith Gowda to Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS). Of the nearly 2,000 proposals received from polytechnic institutions across the State, only 20 were shortlisted, including this one.

The facility will be open not only to students of the college but also to those from polytechnics in neighbouring districts also.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Ranjith Gowda said that Rs. 1.25 crore has been sanctioned for the project. Of this, Rs. 55 lakh has already been released in the first phase a few days ago. The remaining funds will be disbursed in stages: Rs. 35 lakh in the second phase, Rs. 25 lakh in the third phase and Rs. 5 lakh each in the fourth and fifth phases.

The exact location for the lab within the college campus is yet to be finalised. Once identified, work on establishing the facility will begin. The sanctioned funds will be used for procuring equipment and developing basic infrastructure.

Check divisive forces to protect India's pluralism: Prof. Nagavara

Mysuru, May 17 (MK&BS)- Progressive thinker Prof. Kalegowda Nagavara said steps must be taken to prevent the spread of unhealthy thoughts by communal forces if everyone in the country is to live peacefully in a pluralistic society.

He was speaking after inaugurating a seminar on 'Communal Forces Destabilising Pluralist India and the Constitution,' organised by the District Committee of Dalit Sangharsha Samiti (Composite) as part of the 135th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Centre, on Friday.

Prof. Nagavara alleged that those advocating Sanatana Dharma were spreading unhealthy thoughts in different forms across society. "If such tendencies are tolerated without questioning, the dangers cannot be averted. New ways must be found to deal with the situation," he said.

He called upon the younger generation to cultivate the habit of questioning injustice instead of silently accepting it, adding that such an attitude could help reduce exploitation to some extent.

***Progressive thinker Prof. Kalegowda Nagavara** (third from left), inaugurating the seminar organised as part of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Centre, on Friday as others look on.*

Referring to Dr. Ambedkar's demand for separate electorates, he said Mahatma Gandhi had gone on a hunger strike opposing the move. "Gandhiji claimed to be the foster son of Dalits, but Ambedkar replied that he himself was their son. As a foster son, Gandhiji understood the suffering of Dalits only later," he said.

Advising people to imbibe Buddhist values for a better life, he stressed the need to strengthen educational institutions and promote them as the "new temples."

"Though the practice of carrying night soil has been abolished, untouchability continues. The ultimate goal should be equality and brotherhood," he claimed.

He also criticised the Government for delaying celebrations of the birth anniversary of former Minister B. Basavalingappa, whom he described as a true successor to Dr. Ambedkar.

DSS State Coordinator V. Nagaraj presided. Progressive thinker N. Divakar, leaders H.N. Annaiah, Dr. K.P. Mahalingu Kalkunda, Varahalli Anand, Shivanna Kandegala, Karya Basavanna and others were present.

Open Day held at ATME College of Engineering

Mysuru, May 17- "ATME Open Day-2026" was held at ATME College of Engineering in Mysuru recently to provide a platform for II PUC students, just passed-out PUC students, diploma students and parents to explore diverse academic and career opportunities.

Addressing the gathering, Principal Dr. L. Basavaraj briefed students and parents about various engineering disciplines, emerging industry trends and future career opportunities.

He emphasised the importance of informed career choices and highlighted the institution's commitment towards academic excellence and student development.

Also, detailed information regarding "ATME Vidyasare Scholarship" was shared with students and parents. The initiative aims to support deserving students and ensure that financial constraints do not hinder higher education.

Participants experienced the academic environment of the institution through guided campus tours, live project demonstrations, interactive sessions and direct interaction with faculty members and students.

The college highlighted its placement assistance system, industry collaborations, internship opportunities and skill development programmes that help students prepare for successful careers.

Administrator Dr. Sachidananda Murthy, Dean Dr. K. Srinivasa, Dr. L. Raghavendra, Heads of various Departments and faculty members were present at the event compered by Prof. Chandrashekar and Prof. F. Juslin.

Keep complaint mechanism active during rain: CESC MD

CESC In-charge MD and Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil reviews the functioning and monsoon preparedness during a meeting at CESC headquarters in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage yesterday.

Mysuru, May 17 (MTY&BCT)- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) must remain fully prepared to tackle power outages and emergencies during monsoon season, directed CESC In-charge Managing Director and Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil.

Chairing a preparatory meeting at CESC headquarters in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage yesterday, Patil reviewed arrangements for complaint management, handling of power disruptions, public communication systems and the availability of essential materials across the five districts under CESC's jurisdiction.

Stressing the need for an efficient public response system, Patil said people should feel confident that CESC is equipped to handle monsoon-related issues.

"If citizens are unable to contact us, their problems cannot be resolved. Complaint registration and response systems must be strengthened. Toll-free and public contact numbers should function at all hours and inactive numbers, if any, must be restored immediately," he said.

Stocks of essential materials

Patil also reviewed preparedness with Executive Engineers from all five districts and sought details on possible challenges during rainy season and the stock position of essential materials. Pointing out that the first spell of rain had already exposed certain issues, he instructed officials to maintain adequate stock in advance rather than waiting for emergencies.

"Do not seek materials only after problems arise. Stocks must be planned. It is better to procure sufficient supplies now rather than make repeated requests later. Executive Engineers must regularly update stock details in their respective divisions," he said.

He further directed officials to ensure timely supply of materials to all divisions and asked them to procure at least two months' stock of poles and other essential materials ahead of monsoon season.

'Follow SOPs'

Patil also warned contractors against negligence during rainy season and instructed officials to issue notices to those failing to follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

"Contractors who delay work during monsoon should be issued notices. Those delivering quality work on time should be entrusted with more work, while negligent contractors should be assigned fewer works," he said.

Emphasising safety measures, Patil instructed staff to exercise utmost caution while attending to power-related works during the rains to prevent electrical accidents involving both employees and the public.

Technical Director Sharanamma S. Jangina, Chief General Manager (Internal Audit) Lingarajamma, Chief Engineer L. Lokesh, Superintending Engineers Sunil Kumar and Somashekar, General Managers Dr. B.R. Roopa, R. Ramaswamy and H.R. Dinesh and other senior officials were present.

Gang threatens driver, flees with Rs. 27 lakh

Maddur, May 17 (KS) - A gang of miscreants, which waylaid a car, threatened the driver and fled with Rs. 27 lakh the driver was carrying to the head office. The incident took place at Maddur at about 8 pm on Friday.

On Friday, the driver identified as M. Govindaraju, was taking the cash belonging to Hitachi company in Mysuru to the head office in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, a gang of three to four miscreants, who were following the car, waylaid it near Aishwarya International School in Maddur town at about 8 pm, threatened Govindaraju with lethal weapon and fled from the spot within seconds.

Govindaraju immediately lodged a complaint at Maddur Police Station. Based on the complaint, a case has been registered by the Police.

Inspector Naveen and staff, who responded swiftly, visited the spot and conducted preliminary investigation. A Police team has been formed to trace and arrest the miscreants.

It may be recalled that the then ADGP (Traffic and Road Safety) Alok Kumar, following increase in dacoity cases on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway had inspected the Highway along with officials concerned and had got CCTV cameras installed at various spots where Highway dacoities had taken place. He had also deployed Highway Patrol vehicles which had put brakes to such dacoity incidents.

But Friday's case which took place at about 8 pm, has given rise to doubts and has created a sense of fear among motorists plying on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Gold fraud victims urged to approach Mysuru CCB

Mysuru, May 17 (PM&BCT)- The Mysuru City Police have appealed to victims of a large-scale gold fraud to approach the City Crime Branch (CCB) with relevant documents to assist in the ongoing investigation.

According to a press release issued by the office of the Police Commissioner, Soundar Raj alias Chinnathambi, proprietor of Dhana Ganapathi Golden and Diamond Firm (DGF), allegedly cheated customers by promising to purchase gold ornaments at premium prices and provide loans at lower interest rates.

Police said he later melted the pledged ornaments without paying customers their due value and allegedly misused the assets for personal gain.

Based on a complaint lodged by H. Mahantesh of Davangere, Kuvempunagar Police registered an FIR against the accused. CCB sleuths arrested Soundar Raj on Apr. 29.

The case has been booked at Kuvempunagar Police Station under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including cheating and criminal breach of trust. Provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors (KPID) Act have also been invoked.

Police have urged people who may have been similarly cheated in gold transactions with the firm to meet the Assistant Commissioner of Police, CCB Unit, Mysuru City, along with supporting records to facilitate further investigation and legal action.

Woman, cows killed as lightning strikes

Vinoda

Periyapatna, May 17 (KS)- A woman and her two cows, who were taking shelter under a tree to protect themselves from rain were killed when lightning struck the tree yesterday evening. While the two cows died on the spot, the woman breathed her last while being shifted to the Taluk Hospital.

The deceased woman is Vinoda (30), wife of Chitrashekar and a resident of Sathyagala village, Kasaba Hobli in Periyapatna taluk.

Yesterday afternoon, Vinoda took her cows for grazing to the field belonging to her father-in-law Chandrappachar in Survey No. 79/1A.

At about 4 pm, heavy rains accompanied with gusty winds, thunder and lightning began pour all of a sudden forcing Vinoda and the two cows to take shelter under a tree during which lightning struck the tree killing the two cows on the spot and injuring Vinoda. Though villagers shifted her to Periyapatna Taluk Hospital, the doctors declared her dead.

Panchayat Development Officer Veerabhadrashetty, Revenue Inspector Panduranga, Village Administrative Officer H.S. Sunil Kumar and others visited the spot.

Veterinarian Dr. Somaiah conducted post-mortem of the cows.

Post-mortem of Vinoda's body was conducted today and the body was handed over to her family members and a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh to Vinoda's family members and Rs. 37,500 each as compensation to the two cows will be provided after receiving the post-mortem reports, said the officials.

BEFORE THE BENGALURU (INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC) ARBITRATION CENTRE

ARBITRATION CASE NO. 653/2024

BETWEEN: -
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Claimant
AND: -
M/s. Shree Sai Ayush Enterprises & Another
Respondents

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the General Public that the Hon'ble Arbitral Tribunal Bengaluru has passed an Order dated 25.04.2026 in the above Arbitration Proceedings restraining the Respondents either jointly or severally, through their agents or whomsoever claiming under or for them are hereby restrained from marketing/launching the project/ alienating the sites in the layout formed in the property more fully described in the schedule to the Development Agreement dated 25.03.2022, without the consensus of the Claimant until further orders.

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All that piece and parcel of land measuring an extent of about 0 Acre 23 1/3 Guntas (excluding Guntas of Kharab land) comprising in Sy No. 361/2 (old Sy. No.361), land measuring an extent of about 6 Acer 16½ Guntas (excluding 5% Guntas of Kharab land) comprised in Sy No. 361/3 (old Sy No. 361), land measuring an extent of about 2 Acres 29 Guntas comprised in Sy No. 153/1 (Old Sy. No. 153/1) and land measuring an extent of about 27% Guntas comprised in Sy No. 153/4 (Old Sy No. 153/2) together forming one composite and compact block of land totally measuring an extent of about 10 Acres 16½ Guntas (excluding 6 Guntas of Kharab land) all situated in Hanchya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on the:

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Date: 16-05-2026

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WORD OF THE DAY

Kiki

Pronunciation: KEE-kee (Noun)
Meaning: Kiki is a slang term used for an informal gathering among close friends, especially to share lively gossip or frank conversation. Kiki is especially used in and associated with LGBTQ+ and Black communities.
Origin: While its exact origins are unclear, kiki has roots in the ballroom community, a primarily Black and Latino drag subculture that spread in US cities especially in the 1980s-90s. In the early 2000s, a movement emerged within ball culture that was often referred to as the kiki scene. This involved support groups and social services for LGBTQ+ youth, and provided opportunities to socialize, including in the form of so-called kiki balls, or festive, party-like drag performances. This scene was notably captured in the 2016 documentary Kiki, popularly considered a sequel to 1990's Paris is Burning. Kiki is also used as a verb meaning "to share lively gossip or frank conversation"—in other words, "to have a kiki."
Example: "The year 2024 will long be remembered in pop culture as the year of #bratsummer, christened, of course, by the early-June release of an instantly-iconic pop album, Charli XCX's Brat. It was the cultural equivalent of the hippies' summer of love in 1967, but for the girls and gays a singular moment in time when every day offered the chance of a kiki and every night flirted with throwing a rave." —Vanessa Quilantan, The Dallas Observer, 26 Aug. 2025.

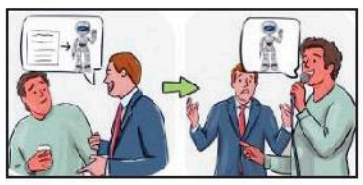
THE ODD WORD

Kakidrosis

Body odour.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

To Steal Someone's Thunder



Meaning: The expression 'To Steal Someone's Thunder' is used to say that someone is making claims that belong to somebody else.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'to steal someone's thunder' comes from theatre. For centuries, various devices have been used to simulate the loud, rattling noise thunder makes. When, in 1704, literary critic John Dennis invented a new method for producing the sound of thunder but had his play closed by the theatre because of low attendance, W.S. Walsh's 1893 Literary Curiosities claims he said: "Damn them! They will not let my play run but they steal my thunder." The theatre in question had used his method of producing thunder during a production of Shakespeare's Macbeth.
Example: "Don't resort to plagiarism. All you're doing is stealing someone's thunder."

QUOTE BOX

Measure what is measurable, and make measurable what is not so.

—Galileo Galilei

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Waterfall.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	8	4	7	9	3	6	5	2
7	6	5	1	3	9	4	2	8
3	2	9	4	8	6	1	7	5
8	4	1	5	2	7	3	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ Mineo : New York born actor?
4 As _ ___ : as a child or youngster (1,3)
8 Australian birds
12 Actress Zadora
13 Indian queen
14 Vessel made of planks
15 TV (slang) (5,3)
17 Cross or crucifix
18 Opera composer Giuseppe ____
19 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
21 Mil. award
23 Regard highly
27 Bits Per Second, abbr.
30 Brown to beat
32 Myanmar formerly
33 Rajput king ___ Pratap
35 Of recent origin
37 An unmarried girl
38 Bitter or sour
40 British naval sailor
42 Fr. holy title
43 Julius, stabbed by Brutus
45 Coniferous tree
47 Bollywood's ___ Deol
49 Joined up with
53 Jungle king
56 Lawbreaker
58 Sin City star Jessica ____
59 Principal
60 Old time classic movie Alam ___
61 Series of spirals
62 Writer Harte
63 Teenage lout

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	X	L	E	■	R	O	W	■	M	E	A	L
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T	E	G	■	P	O	I	S	E	■	G	E	L
O	T	I	C	■	N	■	C	R	I	S	P	■
W	H	O	R	L	■	C	H	A	R	■	■	■
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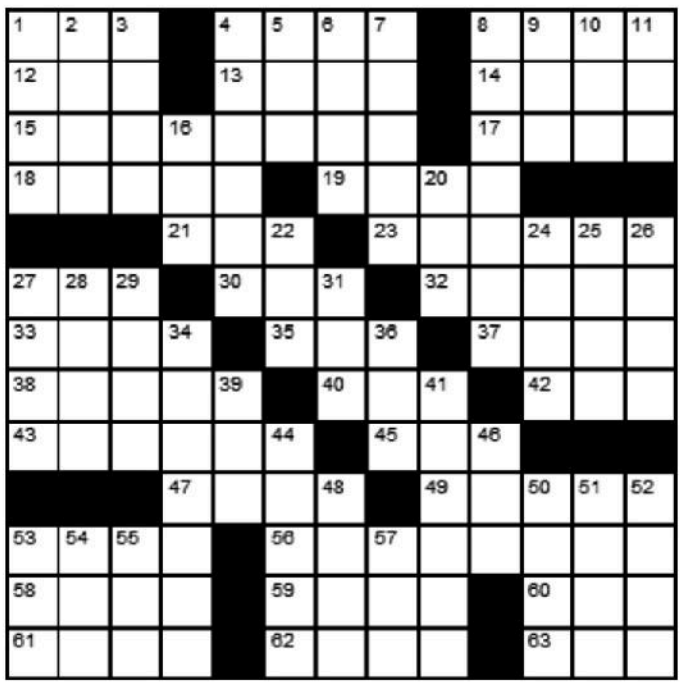
W	A	I	T	■	A	N	T	E	N	N	A	E
E	G	G	S	■	G	Y	M	■	G	A	L	E

DOWN

1 Petty criminal
2 Assistant
3 Animal's den
4 Painter or sculptor?
5 Chemist's workroom in short
6 Wild ox of Celebes
7 US Southland?
8 List of mistakes, in Latin
9 China's ex-Chairman
10 Alien vehicle
11 Standard in short?
16 ___ number : 1 or 3 or 181 ?
20 Acc. Standards Board
22 Adult human male?
24 Noted times
25 Give out or radiate heat or light
26 ____ the grade : succeeded?
27 Bric-a- ___ : Miscellaneous curios
28 Rodent - "a cap" crumpled?
29 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
31 Meshed fabric
34 Military store
36 Path
39 Art graduates, abbr.
41 Consider as an affront
44 A four-sided geometric figure
46 Victory
48 From a distance
50 Make-or-break time (1-3)
51 Architect Saarinen
52 Lacklustre
53 Resinous deposit
54 Labour assn.
55 Japanese sash
57 Giant's curse



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MCR NGDL ZWAI QWL MN MWDY WJNBM VNURJNPL AV MN

AUWSAGR CR AV DAVMRGAGS MN RORIL QNIP LNB VWL.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: What we learn with pleasure we never forget.

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  Lo Naveena (K) - 4 Shows
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  Karuppu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Patriot (Ma) - 3 Shows

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Pati Patni Aur Who Do (H)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.35 am
Michael (E)	(S-2)	1.35 pm; (S-3) 4.30 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Billie Eilis Hit Me Hard & Soft (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	(S-3)	11 am, 7.15 pm
Top Gun 1987 (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.20 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.40 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.40 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	9.55 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 4.45 pm
		7.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 4.35 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.20 pm, 10.20 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	11 am, 4.25 pm, 6.25 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	11.45 am
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	12.30 pm, 6.55 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	12.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Aakhri Sawal (H)	:	1.55 pm, 7.20 pm
Sherr (K)	:	2.25 pm
IIZ: Indian Institute of Zombies (H)	:	3.35 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	5.10 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	7.50 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 4.15 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 7.35 pm
Aakhri Sawal (H)	:	11.20 am, 4.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.50 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sherr (K)	:	7 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 17)

- **Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra of Rangayana Mysuru:** Practice Series - Staging of plays by the 2025-26 batch students, 'Polisariddare Yechcharike!' (written by P. Lankesh and directed by M. Madan Raj), Sriranga Auditorium; 'Hamlet' (written by William Shakespeare, translated by Prasanna and directed by K.M. Ravi), Bhoomigeeta auditorium; 'Antigone' (written by Sophocles, translated by P. Lankesh and directed by Sarvesh), Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **5 pm.**
- **Yaksha Sambhrama:** Yakshagana 'Sriramanjaneya', 'Sudarshana Vijaya' and 'Rakta Ratri' by Sri Kodandarama Krupaposhita Yakshagana Mandali, a popular Tenku Thittu Yakshagana troupe of Dakshina Kannada district, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **5.30 pm.**
- **Gana Lahari:** 'Chitramanjari' - Musical programme featuring a collection of songs from different Indian languages including Kannada, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu, MBCT Auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, ATME College of Engineering and GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women:** World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, Technical Talk on 'The role of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Telecommunication' by Dr. Ramachandra Gambheer, Director - Engineering, Global Lab Solutions (APAC), Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru; H.S. Suresh Babu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI Mysuru premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** Discourse 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Sri Suvidyendra Theertha Sripadangalavaru, Tatvajnana Mandira, Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** Art Patron K.V. Murthy Memorial Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert by Poorvi Garud with Gurucharan Garud on tabla and Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6.15 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of comedy play 'Parameshi Prema Prasanga,' written by Srinivas Prabhu, directed by Raviprasad, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of Kannada play 'Olacharandi Purana' by Antharanga theatre troupe, scripted by playwright Dr. Gowrish Joshi based on a story written by noted film director Dr. Nagathihalli Chandrashekar, directed by Archana Shyam, Natana auditorium, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 18)

- **Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage:** International Museums Day celebrations (Theme: Museums Uniting a Divided World), bus tour of select museums, flag off at Wellington House, Irwin Road, **8 am.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust:** Suvarna Sambhrama, Sri 1008 Sri Subudhendra Theertha Sripadangalavaru and Sri 1008 Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Sripadangalavaru will grace the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, **5 pm;** Music Programme by Puttur Jagadish Acharya, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**
- **Yaksha Sambhrama:** Yakshagana 'Damayanti Punaha Swayamwara' and 'Srinivasa Kalyana' by Sri Kodandarama Krupaposhita Yakshagana Mandali, a popular Tenku Thittu Yakshagana troupe of Dakshina Kannada district, Bunts Convention Hall, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** Discourse 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Sri Suvidyendra Theertha Sripadangalavaru, Tatvajnana Mandira, Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

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Karuppu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.35 pm, 3.45 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	10.30 am
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	11 am, 1.10 pm, 4.45 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Sherr (K)	:	1.40 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	7.40 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.05 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm, 4 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.15 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.25 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
My Name is KD (K)	:	12.50 pm
Shikhandi (K)	:	7.05 pm

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MAA-Utsav

Mysuru, May 17- Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA) is conducting MAA-Utsav-2026 at Association premises, Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, J.K. Grounds, Mysuru, on May 30. Scientific session is arranged from 10 am to 2 pm and General Body Meeting of MAA will be held from 2 pm to 5 pm.

During General Body Meeting, election will be conducted for new office-bearers of MAA for the year 2026-27. For details, contact Mob: 96063-44500.

Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, May 17- Brahmana Sangha Hebbal-Vijayanagar has invited applications from students who have secured above 85% marks in SSLC and PUC to present Pratibha Puraskar. Last date to apply is June 12. For details, contact Sangha President R. Manjunath on Mob: 92435-29365 or Secretary B.N. Muralish on Mob: 90350-11459.

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DC Vs RR
Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH MAY 18

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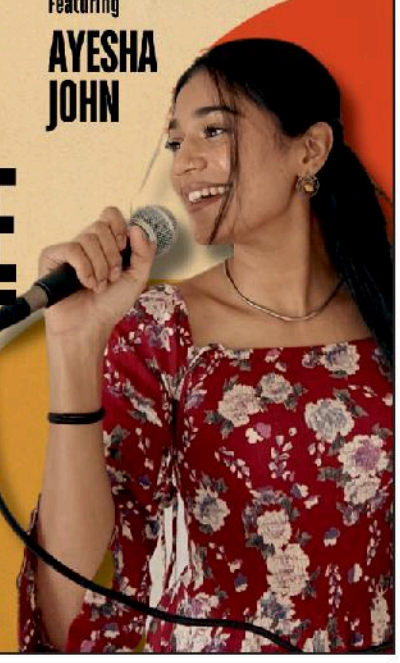

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